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Portishead Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1936

To the Chairman and Members of the Portishead Urban District Council—

GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1936, to be able, once again, to say that the general health of the district has been excellent.

1 GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	976 acres
Population	3,791
Houses Inhabited	938 (estimate)
Rateable Value	£27,842
Penny Rate	£108 10s.

2 BIRTH and DEATH RATE

BIRTH RATE ...	9.2	England and Wales ...	14.8
DEATH RATE ...	10.02	England and Wales ...	12.1

The Death Rate again shows a decrease and is now 2 per 1,000 lower than the General Death Rate.

3 INFANTILE and MATERNAL MORTALITY

(A) Under one week ...	Nil	(B) Under one month ...	1
(C) One to six months ...	Nil	(D) Six to twelve months ...	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 births ...	28	For England and Wales ...	59
Maternal Mortality ...	Nil		

4 NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Total cases notified	Deaths
Enteric Fever	1	Nil
Pneumonia	2	1
Diptheria	16	Nil
Scarlet Fever	2	Nil

There was no Influenza epidemic during the year. The question of Immunization against Diptheria was discussed with the County Medical Officer of Health. A general scheme is under consideration. Testing and Immunizing are available by private arrangement. The number of Diptheria cases are largely due to an epidemic in the Nautical School brought by a new admission.

5 TUBERCULOSIS

	Total New Cases	Deaths
Respiratory	3	1
Non-Respiratory	2	Nil

These figures again show a definite decrease on last year. The Tuberculosis Care Committee has done excellent work in assisting many cases.

6 NURSING

During the year the question of coming into the County Nursing Association was discussed and it was decided to do so in 1937. The services of two Nurses are available, the expenses are met by subscriptions and it is necessary that full support be given in order to keep this very essential service efficient.

7 MATERNAL and INFANT WELFARE

There is one maternity home in the district, under the supervision of the County Health Department. The Nursing Association provides the services of two midwives.

The Infant Welfare Centre meets on alternate Fridays through the year. This centre is self-supporting—though admission is free. Lectures, and all activities dealing with infant welfare, are dealt with. The attendance of Mothers and Babies has been excellent. An Ante-Natal Clinic has been started and it is hoped will be made use of as fully as possible.

8 WATER SUPPLY

Is very satisfactory. Bacteriological examinations show no contamination.

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9 MILK SUPPLY

Number of Producers on the Register	10
Number of Distributors on the Register divided as follows:—	
(a) Distributors only	14
(b) Distributors who are also Producers	4
(A producer is only included as a distributor if he definitely makes a business of selling his milk by retail to individual customers)	
Number of licences given to Graded Milk Distributors	3
1 Supplementary licence to sell Pasteurised Milk	
1 Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk	
1 Licence to sell Certified Milk	

10 MEAT SUPERVISION

Slaughter-houses	Licenced 2	Registered 2	Total 4

11 HOUSING

(As required by the Ministry of Health)

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR:—

(i) With State Assistance	
(a) By the Local Authority	Nil
(b) By other bodies or persons	Nil
(ii) Otherwise	16

HOUSING INSPECTIONS:—

1 *(a)* Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	30
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	
2 *(a)* Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
3 Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
4 Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding Sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	46

HOUSING ACTION:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of INFORMAL action by the Local Authority or their Officers	Nil

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

(A) *Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930—*

1 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	38
2 Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
a By Owners	24
b By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

(B) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts—*

1 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
2 Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
a By Owners	Nil
b By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

(C) *Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930—*

1 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
2 Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1935—OVERCROWDING:—

a (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ...	3
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	4
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	24
Equivalent Adults	$20\frac{1}{2}$
b Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...	3
c (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...	Nil
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	Nil
d Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. McCORMICK, M.B., B.CH., B.A.O.
M.O.H., Portishead Urban District Council

May, 1937